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Serving St. Elizabeth & Our Lady of Lourdes

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Secretary: Halena Estep

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Custodial Care: Lori & Adam Davis, Our Lady of Lourdes

Custodial Care: Katrena Burton, St. Elizabeth

Music Director: Chris Jansen, St. Elizabeth

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday: 8:00 am—4:00 pm

Parish Office

Closed for lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass at St. Elizabeth:

Tuesday - 12:05 pm

Wednesday—Friday 7:30 am

Saturday Vigil at St. Elizabeth 4:30 pm

Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes 9:00 am

Sunday Mass at St. Elizabeth 7:30 and 10:30 am

PARISH REGISTRATION

New parishioners are always welcome!

You may register in person or by calling the Parish Center.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth 3:45 pm

Or by appointment

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Center for registration and reservation.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are considering marriage, please contact Father Aloy no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date and the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill or having surgery, please contact Father Aloy.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing formation process for adults who are interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or First Eucharist. Call the Parish Center for additional information.

Sunday December 27, 2015



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



Mass Intentions

Dec. 26	4:30 pm	Harry Wong by anonymous
Dec. 27	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
	9:00 am	Norman Kocher by Adam Davis Family
	10:30 am	Judy Smolinski by Mike & Jona Uptmor Family
Dec. 28		NO MASS
Dec. 29	12 :05pm	Harry Wong by Anonymous
Dec. 30	7:30 am	Tom Klinge by Klinge Family
Dec. 31	7:30 am	Special Intentions Keith & Patti Buercklin
	5:30 pm	<u>New Year's Eve OLOL</u>
	<u>OLOL New Year's Eve</u>	Mildred Hinterscher by Maymie Ikemire
Jan. 1	9:00 am	<u>New Year's Day St. Elizabeth</u>
	<u>St. Elizabeth New Year's Day Mass</u>	Donatella & Donatella Anopueme
Jan. 2	4:30 pm	Harry Wong by Mary Etta Whitmer
Jan. 3	7:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Aloy
	9:00 am	Michael Kirts by Kirts Family
	10:30 am	Harry Wong by Anonymous



Ministry Schedule

January 2-3, 2015

<u>4:30 pm</u>	LECTOR: Mary Jo Bonham
	USHERS: Ken Bergbower, Dennis Carroll
	COMMUNION MIN: Karen Sanders & Jack & Marilyn Stanley
	SERVERS: Xavier Brown, Cody York +Braden Hatfield
	GIFTS: Baird Family
<u>7:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Linda Sikorski
	USHERS: Stewart Schutte, Carol Zellars
	COMMUNION MIN: Kathy Harris, Joe Hepner, Mike Dorn
	SERVERS: Samuel Eckert, Jacob Eckert
	GIFTS: Linda Schalasky
<u>9:00 am</u>	LECTOR: Anita Kocher
	USHERS: Don & Sharon Fitzmaurice
	COMMUNION MIN: Mary Patchett, Wilmer Wilson
	SERVERS: Kayla Matson
	GIFTS: Richard Kocher Family
<u>10:30 am</u>	LECTOR: Patti Buercklin
	USHERS: Chris Weber, Ron Mitchell
	COMMUNION MIN: Matt Hartrich, Roselene Quick, Carol Wong
	SERVERS: Joe Quick, Evan Ferris, *Kifer Stevens
	GIFTS: Matthew Hartrich Family

Collection Counters: *December, 2015*

Ellen Rees, Kaye Pescatore, Don Brown



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Patti Ackerman, Roberta Bohman, Susan Bills, Theresa Bowen, Kevin Boyd, Jane Brown, Lori Brown, Roger Burton, Bobbie Cheesman, Ben Curtis, Ron Dhom, Pastor Sheila Ducommon, Linda Dudine, Charles Ferguson, Daniel Ferguson, Jason Genta, Debbie Goodwin, Jeanie H., Pat Hanson, Debbie Henry, Judy Hester, Betty Boyd Hippler, Jared Holmes, Charlie Hryniewicz, MaDonna Kirts, Kimberly Knapp, Jordyn Koester, Donna McIntire, Rick McKinley, Grover Michl, Bill Meirink, Danny Miller, Sam Mitchell, Val Pescatore, Brice Reed & family, Angie Rhoten, Mary Rogers, Pete Rosenski, Arlene Schutte, Marian Scott, Billy Skaggs, John Skaggs, Linda Sparks, John Stedelin, Linda Wedge-Stephens, Mike & Isabella & Nolan Stephens, Pamela Stephenson, Terry Stevens, Nolan (Butch) Stewart, Linda Stewart, Cherie Stewart, Bertha Taylor, James Tyler, Mark Wagner, Becky VanSchoyck, Ginny Varner, Zachariah Waxler, Shari Weber, Bill Wilson and all the men & women in the armed forces.

PSR

No PSR on Wed. Jan. 6, 2016

Advent Nursing Home Project

A special thanks to Geri Ezell for the Advent Nursing Home Project as well as to all who helped with this event making it a success. May God bless you all for making others have a merrier Christmas this year.

Souper Bowl of Caring



The Souper Bowl of Caring will begin on **Wed. Jan. 13, 2016** See Courtney Ferris for details.

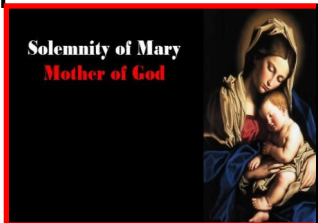
Mass Stipends

We are in need of Mass Stipends for the New Year for 2016 for the 7:30 am morning Mass times as well as other services in the year. Thank you.

New Year's Eve Mass at OLOL

There will be a New Year's Eve Mass at OLOL on Thursday, December 31st at 5:30 pm .

New Year's Day Mass St. Elizabeth



Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

There will be a New Year's Day Mass at St. Elizabeth on Friday, January 1, 2016 at 9:00 am- Mary, Mother of God. Solemnity of Mary.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass

Shepherd News

Scriptural Reflections

From the second century before the time of Jesus comes this inspiring collection of lessons offering sound spiritual advice. Sirach's abundant teachings build up to the praise of faithful notables, found in the book's final chapters. The lives of these ideal servants of God exhibited the kind of covenant-based wisdom Sirach holds so dear. The portion of the book represented in this reading concentrates on practical advice that will lead to strong bonds within any family.

Sirach reminds his readers that God is the origin of the human family. God grants men and women the great privilege of bringing children into the world through the gift of marriage. Respect displayed by children to their parents also gives honor to God, who nourishes the human family from the beginning.

Devotion to father and mother is so close to devotion to God that Sirach can say someone who honors a father atones for sins. Likewise, God will hear the prayers of someone who reveres a mother. Respect in the family leads to gifts only God can give. These include a long life and the joy of bringing another generation into the world.

Sirach urges children to display toward their parents that same kindness and care they expect to receive from God. Such devotion will assure a firm foundation for justice. One fine example of such family devotion comes from the books of Moses, which Sirach held in very high esteem. Consider the ideal love that Joseph

displayed toward his aged father in the final chapters of Genesis.

First, there is the theological point that Lk wants to make. This comes toward the end of the story where Jesus tells his parents that he must be about his Father's work (or house). This is Jesus himself confirming his Divine Sonship, something that has been affirmed by others, but not by Jesus until now.

The second level is the human interaction that goes on between Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The adolescent Jesus has come up missing within the extended family while traveling home from Jerusalem and the high holy days. When it is discovered that Jesus is not with the group, panic sets in. Anything could have happened to an adolescent boy in a crowded city at that time of year. The journey stops, and they return to Jerusalem, searching for Jesus. Eventually, he is found in the temple, interacting with the teachers, who apparently are astounded by his wisdom and knowledge. However, Mary and Joseph are not at all astounded by his brilliance. They are astounded that he has wandered off without telling them, thus putting them through this nightmare of worry and fear. His response to them about the necessity of being in his Father's house falls on deaf ears. The next scene finds him back with the group.

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Holy Family-December 27, 2015

[Holy Family – 27 December 2015] **Holy Families.** Perhaps it is, or can be, our own family members to whom we are most unkind. Perhaps it is because we are so close, we see them daily, we know them better than others (and they us!). Yet they are holy as I am holy because God is holy. What kindness must I show today? What mercy will I manifest? What love will I lavish?

Parish Office Closings

The Parish Office will be closing at 12 noon Thurs. Dec. 31st to celebrate the New Year's Day Holiday-Fri. Jan. 1, 2016.

Happy New Year's Day 2016



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Have a Happy & Safe Happy New Year 2016 from Fr. Aloy & the Parish Staff.

May God bless you all.

Senior Citizens Annual County Party

It is time for our Annual County Party for Senior Citizens on **Saturday, January 9th at 2:00 pm at the Robinson Community Center.**

We are asking Church members for cookies so that we may serve refreshments. We are asking in advance so that when your members are doing their holiday baking, if they will put a few dozen cookies in their freezer for later use at the party. Can we count on your Church for around 20 dozen cookies? Cookies should be brought to the Community Center the morning of the party from 9 am to 10 am. We truly appreciate your help due to many of our seniors have few opportunities for socializing outside their homes during the long winter months.

If you have any questions, please call the two listed below:

Treola Akers 618-546-1557

Lori Crozier 618-544-8877



Catholic Times Envelopes

The Catholic Times Envelopes will be distributed the weekend of Sat. Jan. 9-Sun. Jan. 10, 2016.

Divorced?

The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide 12-week group begins **Wed. Jan. 6th, 2016 at 7 pm** in the St. James Parish Center, (112 North 6th St., Riverton, IL. 62561). There is no cost. Free will offerings will be accepted to defray the cost of the program materials & light refreshments each week. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Sorry, no child care available. For more information, email marruffojohn@gmail.com or call John at 217-494-3366.

New Book Study



We will begin a new book study on "Everybody Needs To Forgive Somebody" on **Wed. Jan. 6, 2016** at 6:00 pm. We will meet for 7 wks. so that we will be done by Ash Wed.

Dance of the Spirit

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, are inviting persons of all faith traditions to join them for "Dance of the Spirit: Women's Spirituality," from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 9. The workshop will take place in the Providence Hall Conference Room. Participants will explore the steps of the dance and then reflect and explore the practices to center and focus steps while moving to their truest selves. Cost to attend is \$40, which includes lunch. The registration deadline is Jan. 4. For more information or to register, call 812-535-2952, email jfrost@spsmw.org or log on to events.sistersofprovidence.org.



Retrouvaille of St. Louis

For information on the Retrouvaille Program, visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. The next program begins the weekend of **Jan. 29-31, 2016**. Kevin & Stacy Minden



Living in Love—Retreat Weekend

Provides an opportunity for couples to reconnect. Designed to energize romance. **Jan. 30-31, 2016** at the Villa Maria Catholic Life Retreat Center, Springfield, Illinois. The cost is \$150.00 per couple. Scholarships are available. The retreat includes Sunday Mass and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday night. RSVP or 217-321-1139. For more information or to register online, please go to www.dio.org/familylife/events.

Fish Fry Dates

The Dates for the Fish Fry will be on: **Friday, February 19th from 4:00-7:00 pm** **Friday, February 26th from 4:00-7:00 pm** **Friday, March 4th from 4:00-7:00 pm**

Annual Catholic Services Appeal

The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for **St. Elizabeth**
The goal for St. Elizabeth is \$19,666.00
\$13770.00 paid out of \$16,770.00 pledged amount.
Balance \$3,000.00 of the pledged amt.
The 2015 ACSA Parish Goals for **Our Lady of Lourdes**
The goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is \$2,873.00
\$1,305.00 paid out of \$1,945.00 pledged amount.
\$640.00 balance of the pledged amt.
Updated 11-23-2015

Liturgical Ministry Contacts

St. Elizabeth Parish

Readers: Eileen Hartrich 544-8251

Servers: Father Aloy 544-7526

Art & Environment: Robb Sparks 546-5606

Usher: Ron Mitchell

Our Lady of Lourdes

Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers: Keith Wirey 592-4179

Music & Liturgy: Dorla Shook 592-3893

Servers: Father Aloy 544-7526

Weekly Collection

St. Elizabeth Church

Week ending December 20, 2015

Envelopes \$2,443.00 Loose \$195.00

Online 1@\$50.00 Christmas Flowers \$20.00

Christmas Offering \$600.00

Dependent Children \$25.00

Immaculate Conception \$10.00

Retirement Fund for Religious \$100.00

Caritas \$40.00 **Total Deposit \$3,483.00**

Our Lady of Lourdes

Week ending December 20, 2015

Envelopes not available this week. Will post next week.

Total Deposit: \$677.00

Thank You. May God bless you.

Dishes left from past funeral dinners



Please pick up dishes from the Parish Hall kitchen that have been left from the last funeral dinner, etc. Thank you very much for your help to us on this.

Mom's Group



Mom's Group meets on Fridays from 9:00 – 10:30 am during the school year.